

No. R-11. House concurrent resolution honoring Crossett Brook Middle School Principal Kenneth J. Page.

(H.C.R. 5)
(SPECIAL SESSION)

Offered by: Representatives Minter of Waterbury and Stevens of
Waterbury

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, Ken Page has written that his lifetime passion as a classroom teacher and school administrator has been to use his professional skills “to make a difference in education,” and this principle is reflected in his stated belief that a successful working relationship between educators and students is as important as the content of the material being taught, and

Whereas, Ken Page decided early on in college to become a teacher and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1973 with a major in English education, and then became a reading teacher at the Lebanon, New Hampshire Junior-Senior High School, and

Whereas, in 1975, he began a 13-year tenure as a high school language arts teacher at U-32 High School in East Montpelier, and

Whereas, Ken Page strengthened his own educational background, earning a master’s degree in reading and language arts in 1977 from the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, as a U-32 teacher, he helped initiate the school’s first interdisciplinary (CORE) program, combining language arts, science, social

studies, and reading, and participated in the Vermont Council on Reading's project to promote reading in schools, and

Whereas, based on his record of excellence and accomplishment at U-32, in 1988, Ken Page was selected as the first full-time principal of Calais Elementary School, and

Whereas, as principal of Calais Elementary School, Ken Page was successful in securing grants to introduce new technology, and he responded successfully to a doubling of the student population, and

Whereas, in 1996, Ken Page was offered the unusual opportunity to serve as the first educational leader (principal) of the Crossett Brook Middle School in the newly formed Waterbury-Duxbury School District, a position that included supervising all aspects of building and opening a new school, and

Whereas, his success in overseeing the planning and construction of the new school, hiring and leading the faculty, and developing innovative middle school programs in this new school district is reflected in the Crossett Brook Middle School's receipt of the Spotlight School Award from the New England League of Middle Schools, and

Whereas, Ken Page has been recognized as a leader among his peers, and during the 2008–2009 school year served as president of the Vermont Association of Middle Level Education, and

Whereas, after 36 years as an outstanding public school teacher and administrator, Ken Page retired as education leader at Crossett Brook Middle

School in June 2009, but he intends to remain active in the field of public education, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Kenneth J. Page for his many contributions to elementary and secondary education in the state of Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ken Page in East Montpelier and to the Crossett Brook Middle School.